✝️ “GO AND TELL” – THE FIRST MISSION OF RESURRECTION

Theme: Evangelisation Begins at the Empty Tomb

Core Message: Resurrection is meant to be proclaimed

John 20:17-18

🌅 1. INTRODUCTION – THE FIRST COMMAND OF EASTER

Beloved brothers and sisters,

On that first Easter morning, history changed forever.

The tomb was empty.
Death was defeated.
Christ was risen.

But the Resurrection did not end at the tomb—it began there.

Because the first message of Easter was not just joy…
It was a **command**:

👉 **“Go and tell.”**

The Resurrection is not given to us as information.
It is given to us as a **mission**.

🔍 Many people think Christianity is about:

- Knowing Jesus
- Believing in Jesus
- Receiving blessings from Jesus

But the Resurrection reveals something deeper:

👉 Christianity is about **proclaiming Jesus**

If the women had stayed silent,
If the disciples had remained hidden,
If the Church had never preached—

👉 The Resurrection would remain unknown.

The empty tomb demands a voice.
The Risen Christ demands a witness.

Hans Urs von Balthasar says:
👉 *"The Church is born not in silence, but in proclamation."*

🎯 Ask yourself:

- Do I keep my faith only inside?
- Do I speak about Christ outside?
- Does my life reveal the Resurrection?

Because:
👉 Faith that is not shared… becomes weak
👉 Faith that is proclaimed… becomes powerful

🔥"An empty tomb demands a living voice."

- "The Resurrection is not to be stored—it is to be shared."
- "If Christ is risen, silence is not an option."

✨ St. Augustine

"We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song."

👉 But a song must be heard—not hidden.

🌸 The stone is rolled, the grave is bare,
Nobody rests in silence there.
The dawn declares what must be told,
A living truth no grave can hold.

📖 2. BIBLICAL FOUNDATION – THE COMMAND TO PROCLAIM

Let us stand on the Word of God.

📜 Matthew 28:5–7

"He is not here… He has risen… **Go quickly and tell His disciples**."

📜 Matthew 28:10

"Do not be afraid; **go and tell My brothers**…"

📜 Mark 16:6–7

"He has risen… **Go, tell His disciples and Peter**."

📜 John 20:17

"Go to My brothers and say to them…"

🔍 Notice something carefully:

The Resurrection is always followed by a command.

God did not say:
👉 "Go and understand"
👉 "Go and reflect"

He said:
👉 **"Go and tell"**

Because truth is not complete until it is shared.

The Gospel is not private property.
It is public proclamation.

The empty tomb is not a secret to protect—
it is a message to announce.

🎯 This means:

- You are not called only to attend church
- You are called to **be the Church in the world**
- You are not called only to hear the Gospel
- You are called to **carry the Gospel**

🔥 "The Gospel is not 'come and keep'—it is 'go and tell.'"

- "The empty tomb is the first pulpit."
- "Truth that is not shared is truth buried again."

✨ Pope Paul VI

"The Church exists in order to evangelise."

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Do not keep what you have seen,
Declare the truth of Easter's scene.
For hearts will rise where words are told,
And faith grows strong when truth is bold.

🌿 3. MARY MAGDALENE – THE FIRST MISSIONARY

Mary came weeping to the tomb.

📖 John 20:11–16

She stood weeping… Jesus said, "Mary!"

She came searching for a dead body…
but she encountered a living Lord.

📖 John 20:18

“Mary Magdalene went and announced: ‘I have seen the Lord.’”

🔍 Mary did not come as a preacher.
She came as a broken person.

But the encounter changed everything.

👉 Before encounter → sorrow
👉 After encounter → mission

This shows us a powerful truth:

👉 You don’t need theology first
👉 You need to encounter first

Because:
👉 **Encounter produces a proclamation**

🎯 If you truly experience Christ:

- You cannot remain silent
- You cannot remain the same
- You cannot remain hidden

Your life will begin to speak.

🔥 “Encounter leads to mission.”
- “Those who see Christ cannot stay silent.”
- “A true encounter becomes a testimony.”

✨ St. Thomas Aquinas

“She became the Apostle to the Apostles.”

🌸 She came in tears, her hope undone,
She met the Lord, the Risen One.
He called her name, her fear was gone,
She ran to tell what had been done.

🔥 4. FROM ENCOUNTER TO PROCLAMATION – THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH

📖 Luke 24:33–35

“They rose that same hour… and told what had happened on the road.”

📖 John 20:8

“He saw and believed.”

🔍 The Resurrection creates a pattern that is repeated throughout the Church:

👉 Encounter → Faith → Movement → Proclamation

This is not accidental—it is divine design.

The disciples did not wait for:

- Perfect knowledge
- Perfect preparation
- Perfect confidence

The moment they encountered Christ,
they moved… and they spoke.

This teaches us something profound:

👉 Faith is not complete until it becomes proclamation

A faith that remains inside the heart
has not yet reached its fullness.

Because the nature of truth is to spread.
The nature of light is to shine.
The nature of Resurrection is to be proclaimed.

🎯 Ask yourself:

- Has my faith reached proclamation?
- Or is it still only personal and private?

If you truly believe:
👉 Your life must move
👉 Your voice must speak

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- “Faith that does not move… is faith that is not alive.”
- “Resurrection faith always becomes proclamation.”
- “What you truly believe—you cannot hide.”

✨ Pope Benedict XVI

“The Church grows not by proselytism, but by attraction.”

👉 And attraction comes from lived witness.

🌸 He saw, believed, and could not stay,
The truth compelled him on his way.
A living fire within his soul,
That made him speak and made him go.

🌎 5. EVANGELIZATION BEGINS AT THE EMPTY TOMB

📖 Matthew 28:19–20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…”

🔍 The mission of the Church does not begin in Jerusalem alone—
it begins at the empty tomb.

Because:

👉 Without the Resurrection, there is no Gospel
👉 Without the Gospel, there is no mission
👉 Without mission, there is no Church

The empty tomb is not only a place of victory—
it is the birthplace of evangelization.

The Church exists because:
👉 Someone went
👉 Someone told
👉 Someone believed

🎯 This means:

- Evangelisation is not a program—it is an identity
- It is not an activity—it is a lifestyle

You don't "do" evangelisation sometimes
👉 You **are** a witness all the time

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- "The empty tomb is the birthplace of mission."
- "No Resurrection → No Church → No Gospel."
- "Evangelisation begins where the stone is rolled away."

✨ St. Paul VI

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers."

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From silent grave to living word,
A truth too powerful to be unheard.
From empty tomb to distant land,
The message moves by God's command.

😔 6. THE DANGER OF SILENCE

📖 Acts 4:20

“We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

📖 2 Kings 7:9

“This day is a day of good news, if we remain silent…”

🔍 Silence is not neutral.

Silence is dangerous.

Because when truth is not spoken:

- Darkness remains
- Ignorance continues
- Souls are lost

The Resurrection is the greatest news in history.

To keep it silent is not humility—
it is neglect.

🎯 Think:

- How many people around you don’t know Christ?
- How many are waiting for someone to speak?

And maybe:
👉 You are that someone

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- “Silence buries the truth again.”
- “A silent Christian is a contradiction of Easter.”
- “If you don’t speak, someone may never hear.”

✨ St. John Chrysostom

“Not to share one’s wealth with the poor is to steal from them; not to share Christ is to rob souls.”

Truth unspoken fades away,
Light grows dim without its rays.
But when we speak, the darkness flees,
And hearts are set at last at ease.

🔥 7. FROM FEAR TO COURAGE – POWER OF THE RISEN CHRIST

📖 John 20:19

“The doors were locked for fear…”

📖 Acts 2:32

“This Jesus God raised up… we are all witnesses.”

🔍 Before the Resurrection:

- Fear controlled the disciples
- Doors were locked
- Voices were silent

After encountering Christ:

- Fear disappeared
- Courage was born
- Witness began

What changed?

👉 Not the world
👉 Not the circumstances

👉 **The encounter with the Risen Christ**

Your fear today may be:

- Fear of rejection
- Fear of criticism
- Fear of failure

But remember:

👉 The same Christ who strengthened the apostles
👉 Is present in your life today

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- “Witness… don’t whisper.”
- “Fear closes doors—Resurrection opens them.”
- “Courage is born from encounter.”

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💬 St. John Paul II

“Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.”

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Behind closed doors, they hid in fear,
Till Christ the Living One drew near.
Then hearts once weak began to rise,
And boldness shone within their eyes.

🌑 8. THE WORLD IS WAITING

📖 1 Peter 3:15

“Always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you.”

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The world today is not rejecting Christ—
it is searching for Him.

People are:

- Searching for meaning
- Searching for hope
- Searching for truth

But they are looking in the wrong places.

And God's plan is this:

👉 They should find Christ through you

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Your workplace
Your family
Your society

👉 These are your mission fields

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- "The world is not empty—it is searching."
- "Hope must travel through you."
- "You may be someone's only Gospel."

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💬 St. Teresa of Avila

"Christ has no body now but yours."

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The world looks on with restless eyes,
For truth that never fades or dies.

And through your life, through all you do,
Christ chooses now to shine through you.

🌱 9. PERSONAL MISSION – YOU ARE SENT

📖 Acts 1:8

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses…”

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This is not merely a promise—it is an identity.

Jesus does not say:
👉 “You may become My witnesses”
He says:
👉 **“You will be My witnesses.”**

This means:

- Witnessing is not optional
- Witnessing is not for a selected group
- Witnessing is the identity of every Christian

To be a Christian is to be a witness.

The Holy Spirit is given not only for personal holiness,
but for public proclamation.

👉 The Spirit strengthens you
👉 The Spirit sends you
👉 The Spirit speaks through you

The Resurrection is not meant to stay within you—
it is meant to flow through you.

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So what does this mean for your daily life?

It means:

- In your family → speak hope
- In your workplace → stand for truth
- In your struggles → show faith
- In your relationships → reflect Christ

You may not stand on a stage,
but your life becomes a living sermon.

Even a small word…
Even a small act…
👉 Can lead someone to Christ.

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- "Every believer is a messenger of the Resurrection."
- "If not you, who will tell?"
- "Your life is God's chosen pulpit."

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💬 St. Francis of Assisi

"Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words."

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He chose your voice, your life, your way,
To share His truth in every day.
Do not delay, do not withdraw,
Go tell the world what you have saw.

🔥 10. PRACTICAL EVANGELIZATION – HOW TO GO AND TELL

📖 Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before others…"

📖 Romans 10:14

“How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?”

Evangelisation is not complicated.

It is not about:

- Big preaching
- Complex theology
- Extraordinary ability

It is about:

👉 Living Christ
👉 Speaking Christ
👉 Reflecting Christ

Evangelization happens in simple ways:

- A word of encouragement
- A testimony of faith
- A life of integrity

The early Church did not have media, technology, or power.
But they had conviction.

👉 And conviction spread the Gospel across the world.

Start where you are:

- Speak to one person
- Encourage one broken heart
- Share one word of faith

Do not wait for a big opportunity.
👉 Small faithfulness creates great impact.

- “Start small—but start now.”
- “Your daily life is your mission field.”
- “One word can change one life.”

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💬 St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Do small things with great love.”

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Speak a word, a seed is sown,
A heart once hard may soften, grown.
For simple acts of faith you share,
Can lead a soul to God in prayer.

🌅 11. CONCLUSION – THE FINAL CALL

The Resurrection is not just an event to remember—
it is a message to proclaim.

The angel said, “Go and tell.”
Jesus said, “Go and tell.”
Today, that same call is given to each one of us.

The tomb is empty, but the world is still waiting—
waiting to hear, waiting to believe, waiting to hope.

God has not chosen angels for this mission;
He has chosen us.

We may feel weak, unworthy, or afraid,
but the power is not in us—it is in the Risen Christ.

Let us not keep the Good News to ourselves.
Let us not remain silent in a world that needs hope.

👉 Go with faith.
👉 Go with courage.
👉 **Go and tell—this is your Easter mission.**

The night is gone, the light has come,
The grave stands still, the stone undone.
Now voices rise across the earth,
Proclaiming Christ, the Risen Birth.

🙏 12. PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
Risen Saviour and Living Lord,

We thank You for the victory of the empty tomb
and the gift of new life You have given us.

Forgive us for the times we remained silent
and failed to share Your Good News.

Fill us with courage and living faith.
Remove every fear that holds us back.

Empower us by Your Holy Spirit
to become bold witnesses of Your Resurrection.

Help us to go and tell—
in our homes, in our communities, and in our daily lives.

May through our words and our lives,
others come to know and believe in You.

Amen.

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"My Share in God's Work"

A Gentle Invitation to Share

If this message has brought you even a small measure of joy, light, encouragement, or spiritual nourishment, I humbly invite you to share this spiritual food with others.

Someone you know may be waiting for a word of hope.
Someone may be silently searching for meaning.
Someone may be thirsty for God.

By sharing this message, you become a simple yet powerful instrument in God's hands. This small act of sharing becomes a beautiful act of evangelisation — a quiet mission of love you carry out in your daily life.

If this message has stirred your heart and awakened your soul, do not let this grace pass by. If you wish to receive this spiritual nourishment regularly, send me a message on my mobile.

This is your moment—come, walk in faith, grow in truth, and live a life of purpose in God.

Let the Word that touched your heart reach another heart.

May the Lord use you to spread His light.
May His Word bear abundant fruit.

God bless you abundantly.